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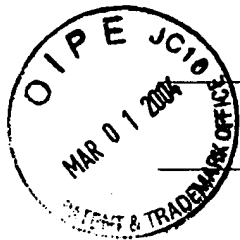
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Our Case No. 10095/27

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yan-Zhou et al.)

Serial No. 10/083,674)

Filing Date: October 19, 2001)

For: Integrated Planar Composite)
Coupling Structures for Bi-)
Directional Light Beam)
Transformation Between a Small)
Mode Size Waveguide and a Large)
Mode Size Waveguide)

Examiner: Daniel J. Petkovsek

Group Art Unit: 2874

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response is filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time in response to the restriction requirement mailed on October 30, 2003. Applicants elect Group II, Claims 37-46, drawn to an optical waveguide. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement and request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all the claims of the present application.